

ISAIAH 26-27

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EARTH [הָאָרֶץ]
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○ Would be
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- the world would
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○ Because
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will sing to the
from distant lands
from the ENDS of
earth - **Revelation**

Isaiah was still
overwhelmed by
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○ Because
unlike the FLOOD
Noah - NO one
would escape this

coming JUDGEMENT...

- Everyone must stand before the WHITE throne of Jesus Christ - **Revelation 20:12**

- Praise to God...

- Yet although the JUDGEMENT was heavy - it was NOT the end [for everyone]
- God would make a [wedding] FEAST in Zion - **Revelation 19:9**
- And there will be NO more death - NO more tears...
- For those who WAIT on the Lord - those who rejoice in JESUS [יֵשׁוּעַ]!

- **1st - Two PATHS... vs. 1-11**

- 1st - City of God... vs. 1-4

- Strong City... vs. 1

- In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:
- We have a strong city. God will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks!
- Isaiah continued his APOCALYPSE [ἀποκάλυψις] of the nations...
- In that day [בְּיוֹם] - when Jesus will JUDGE the whole world...
- There will be TWO kinds of CITIES [groups of men]
- FIRST - the land of Judah will have a STRONG city - NOT because of WALLS and RAMPARTS...
- But because Jesus [יֵשׁוּעַ] is the PROTECTION of the CITY!
- We hear about the ROCKETS and DRONES that are shot into Israel...
- When the sired go off - people are quick to hide in the BOMB shelters...
- Because when you are under FIRE - you want STRONG walls to PROTECT you!
- Salvation [יִשְׁוּעָה] does NOT come from the WALLS of men...
- There is only one thing that can PROTECT us from the day of JUDGEMENT...
- We have to be found in Jesus - who takes away ALL of our SIN!
- **Philippians 3:9** - "Not having my own righteousness... but that which is through faith in Christ."

- Open gates... vs. 2-4

- Open the gates that the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in.
- You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You - because he trusts in You.
- Trust in the LORD forever. For in YAH - the LORD - is everlasting strength!
- OPEN [imperative] up the gates to the CITY of God...
- So that the righteous PEOPLE [עַמ] who hold onto this TRUTH can come in...
- The MIND that is focused on God - will always have [imperfect] PEACE [2x] - **Ephesians 2:14**
- Because they have put their TRUST [בְּטַח] in the LORD...
- Therefore TRUST [imperative] in the LORD always - because of who He is...
- YAH [יְהוָה] - who is the LORD [יְהוָה] - the ROCK of ages - **Matthew 7:24**
- We are SAVED by FAITH [πίστις] - **Ephesians 2:8**
- Yet the word FAITH is rarely used in the OT - **Habakkuk 2:4**
- TRUST [בְּטַח] is the commonly used OT equivalent for FAITH [πίστις]!
- I actually PREFER the word TRUST to the FAITH...
- FAITH is hard for us to relate to daily life - hard to DEFINE...
- But it is easier to ask - where are we putting our TRUST...
- We MUST [imperative] always put our TRUST [בְּטַח] in Jesus [יְהוָה]
- Because if we do we will have PEACE in the day of JUDGEMENT as we stand upon the ROCK!

- 2nd - City of Men... vs. 5-6

- For He brings down those who dwell on high - the lofty city.

- He lays it low. He lays it low to the ground. He brings it down to the dust.
- The foot shall tread it down. The feet of the poor and the steps of the needy!
- SECOND - we want to DWELL in the city of God because [נִי]
- Anyone who chooses to DWELL in the PRIDEFUL [high] city of men...
- God will cause [hiphil] to be brought LOW [humbled]
- LOW [hiphil] to the GROUND - down to the DUST [emphasized]
- So that we make sure NOT to miss how LOW that really will be...
- They are told they will be WALKED on by those who are POOR and NEEDY!
- **Hebrews 10:31** - "It is a fearful thing to FALL into the hands of a living God."
- FALL [ἐμπίπτω] – Same root word used in good Samaritan fell among thieves - **Luke 10:30**
- The word carries the idea of coming upon something unpredictably!
- The problem is we do NOT know when we will have to stand BEFORE God...
- So people gamble with their ETERNITY – pridefully NOT putting their TRUST in Jesus [יְהוָה]
- But they run the risk of coming unexpectedly to that FEARFUL day...
- Because there are only TWO kinds of people when it comes to God...
- Wise sinners who put their TRUST in the Lord - and those who did NOT...
- For those who reject Jesus – they will TRAMPLED down when the DAY of Judgement comes!
- 3rd - The Upright... vs. 7-9
 - Waiting... vs. 7-8
 - The way of the just is uprightness - O Most Upright You weigh the path of the just.
 - Yes in the way of Your judgments. O LORD we have waited for You.
 - The desire of our soul is for Your name and for the remembrance of You!
 - Isaiah takes the truth that there being only TWO options...
 - And takes it from the GROUP [city] - and makes it about the INDIVIDUAL...
 - The way of the RIGHTEOUS [singular] is STRAIGHT [מִישׁוֹר]
 - The reason is GOD [the most upright] - makes [piel] their path SMOOTH [פֶּלֶס]
 - So much more [הַיָּשָׁר] the upright WAIT [piel] for the JUSTICE of the LORD...
 - The DESIRE of their soul - is to remember the His NAME!
 - Those who put their FAITH in Jesus [יְהוָה] - do NOT fear the JUDGEMENT...
 - Their know the path they are walking down leads to the White Throne...
 - But rather than FEAR - they LONG for the day when they will get to see their LORD!
 - Seeking... vs. 9
 - With my soul I have desired You in the night. Yes by my spirit within me I will seek You early.
 - When Your judgments are in the earth - the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness!

- That is why the SOUL of the RIGHTEOUS long [piel] for the LORD in the NIGHT...
- So much more [חָזַק] - they SEEK [piel] Him early in the morning...
- Because they know when the LORD comes He will bring JUSTICE to the earth...
- Then the WORLD will learn what it means to be RIGHTEOUS [צַדִּיק]!
- We look around us today and see a WICKED and FALLEN world...
- We know this is NOT what God intended - this is NOT the Garden of Eden...
- Therefore we SEEK the LORD - we get into His Word NIGHT and DAY...
- Because we know the day is coming [soon] - when God will make a new RIGHTEOUS world!
- **Revelation 21:5** - "He who sat on the throne said: Behold I make all things new."

○ 4th - The Wicked... vs. 10-11

- Let grace be shown to the wicked - yet he will not learn righteousness.
- In the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly - and will not behold the majesty of the LORD.
- LORD when Your hand is lifted up they will not see. But they will see and be ashamed.
- For their envy of people. Yes the fire of Your enemies shall devour them!
- Though GRACE [חֶסֶד] was given to the WICKED - they did NOT learn [perfect] to be RIGHTEOUS...
- The WICKED remain UNJUST even when everyone around them is UPRIGHT...
- And they do NOT see [imperfect] the LORD rising up [גָּאֹרִית] to JUDGE them...
- They do NOT pay attention [חֲזָזָה] when the LORD lifts up His hand...
- But they will pay attention [חֲזָזָה] when the FIRE devours them!
- God holding back His judgement is GRACE - **II Peter 3:9**
- He is waiting to JUDGE the world because He wants to give them TIME to repent...
- But sadly the world does NOT see that - they do NOT see His hand raised...
- They IGNORE the believers that are all around them - choosing instead to live SINFUL lives...
- But by the time they see the FIRE [hell] - it will be TOO late!

● 2ND - PROMISES OF GOD... vs. 12-21

○ 1st - Peace... vs. 12-15

- The work... vs. 12
 - LORD You will establish peace for us - for You have also done all our works in us!
 - Having laid out the TWO choices - RIGHTEOUS or WICKED...
 - Isaiah turns to those who have CHOSEN the RIGHT way to give them PROMISES from God...
 - FIRST - The LORD will [future] lay [imperfect] upon them PEACE [שָׁלוֹם]
 - [כִּי] Just as the LORD has [past] DONE [perfect] the work in the PAST!
 - Isaiah reflects back on where PEACE came from...
 - God had given Israel victory time after time throughout their history...
 - When they stood on the shore of the Red Sea with the armies of Pharaoh closing in...
 - God did NOT tell them to get to WORK - He told them to STAND still!
 - **Exodus 14:30** - "Stand still and see the salvation of the LORD."

- Remember... vs. 13-14
 - O LORD our God - masters besides You have had dominion over us.
 - But by You only we make mention of Your name.
 - They are dead - they will not live. They are deceased they will not rise.
 - Therefore You have punished and destroyed them and made all their memory to perish!
 - The people had served [בְּעִלְיוֹנָיו] MANY other MASTERS [אֱלֹהִים]
 - But they ONLY remembered [hiphil] the NAME of the LORD...
 - Because those other masters [Egypt - Assyria] were DEAD [2x] - and would NOT rise again...
 - YES - the LORD had caused [hiphil] Israel to FORGET their memory!
 - The key to having PEACE today - is remembering what God has done...
 - If He gave us VICTORY time and time again - and He does NOT change - **Hebrews 13:8**
 - Then we can have confidence He will also give us victory in the END!
- Glory... vs. 15
 - You have increased the nation O LORD. You have increased the nation.
 - You are glorified. You have expanded all the borders of the land!
 - The LORD increased [perfect] the size [borders] of the NATION [2 - [גָּדַל for emphasis...]
 - A nation of SLAVES had been given the VICTORY - giving GLORY [niphil] to the LORD!
 - God did NOT choose Israel because they were the MOST powerful...
 - He choose them because they were the LEAST of all peoples...
 - That way when He did a MIGHTY work through them He would get the GLORY!
 - **Deuteronomy 7:7** - "I choose you because you were... the least of all peoples."
 - God did NOT choose us because we were the BEST...
 - God SAVED us so that the others might see Jesus in our lives...
 - As they see PEACE in our lives - as they see God increase our BORDERS!
 - **I Corinthians 1:26** - "God chose things the world considers foolish... as a result no one can ever boast in the presence of God." [NLT]
- 2nd - Resurrection... vs. 16-19
 - Trouble... vs. 16-18
 - LORD in trouble they have visited You.
 - They poured out a prayer when Your chastening was upon them.
 - As a woman with child is in pain and cries out in her pangs.
 - When she draws near the time of her delivery so have we been in Your sight O LORD.
 - We have been with child - we have been in pain. We have as it were - brought forth wind.
 - We have not accomplished any deliverance in the earth.
 - Nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen!
 - When the nation of Israel was in TROUBLE [בְּצָר]
 - Their PUNISHMENT [מוֹסָר] crushed them - forcing out a WHISPER [לְחָשׁ] to the LORD...
 - Not so much a formal PRAYER - as a final desperate weak PLEA for help...
 - Like [כְּמִן] a woman in LABOR - who cries out in PAIN as the baby is due...
 - But unlike the WOMAN - Israel did NOT have a baby - they gave birth to WIND [nothing]
 - Their SUFFERING had NOT saved [יִשְׁעָה] them - and their enemies had NOT fallen!
 - The imagery of pregnancy is used frequently in the Bible as an illustration...
 - When we give in to TEMPTATION [πειράζω] - it gives birth to SIN - **James 1:15**
 - We get ourselves into TROUBLE because we give into TEMPTATION...
 - We do things that we think are going to make us HAPPY...
 - But in the end they lead to SORROW - and are EMPTY [birth to wind] - **Ecclesiastes 1:14**

- Yet it is those TROUBLES that also bring us to the LORD...
- Broken - crushed - we WHISPER to Him and ask Him to SAVE us!

▪ Reborn... vs. 19

- Your dead shall live. Together with my dead body they shall arise.
- Awake and sing you who dwell in dust. For your dew is like the dew of herbs.
- And the earth shall cast out the dead!
- Unlike the DEAD of the nations that had conquered Israel [Egypt - Assyria] - **Isaiah 26:14**
- SECOND - even though the RIGHTEOUS die - they will [future] LIVE [imperfect]
- The RIGHTEOUS will RISE [קוּם] along with the Prophet Isaiah...
- Those who dwell in the DUST must WAKE up [imperative] and SING [imperative]
- Because [כִּי] like DEW brings LIFE to the dry ground...
- So the LIGHTS [אֲוֵרוֹת] of the LORD bring LIFE - and the earth will cast out the DEAD!
- Everyone is going to die one day PHYSICALLY [result of the fall] – **Genesis 3:19**
- And those who do NOT accept the Gospel will also die SPIRITUALLY [second death]
- But for those who believe in Jesus – the SECOND death has no power over us!
- **Revelation 20:5** - “Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power.”

○ 3rd - Refuge... vs. 20-21

▪ Hidden... vs. 20

- Come my people - enter your chambers and shut your doors behind you.
- Hide yourself as it were for a little moment - until the indignation is past!
- THIRD - the RIGHTEOUS get to HIDE from the wrath of God...
- COME [imperative] My people - and go [imperative] into My room...
- SHUT [imperative] the doors behind you - and HIDE [imperative] for a short time...
- Until the WRATH of God has passed by!
- When God brought the DEATH angel upon Egypt...
- He told the people NOT go out of their homes until the morning - **Exodus 12:22**
- God will JUDGE sinners - but He PROTECTS His children...
- He commands them to come inside so they do NOT have to see His WRATH...
- But His WRATH does NOT last - it will only be for a LITTLE while!

▪ Judgement... vs. 21

- Behold the LORD comes out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity.
- The earth will also disclose her blood and will no more cover her slain!
- The reason why the RIGHTEOUS are commanded to HIDE...
- Because [כִּי] BEHOLD - the LORD is coming out of heaven [His place]
- He is coming to PUNISH the SIN [עֲוֹן] of those who dwell upon the earth...
- And the earth will EXPOSE [piel] them - it will NOT hide the dead anymore!
- **Revelation 20:13** - “Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them and they were judged - each one according to his works!”
- This is BOTH incurably SAD and extremely exciting...
- It is SAD for those who have rejected Jesus – because this is the END...
- They will be ETERNALLY separated from God – NO hope of redemption...
- But it is EXCITING – because this is just the beginning for those who are SAVED...
- This is where Jesus – having received the VICTORY – makes a NEW Heaven and Earth!

● 3RD - FRUIT OR FIRE... vs. 1-13

○ 1st - Leviathan... vs. 1

- In that day the LORD with His severe sword - great and strong.
- Will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent. Leviathan that twisted serpent.
- And He will slay the reptile that is in the sea!
- In that day [בַּיּוֹם] - the LORD will punish LEVIATHAN with his great SWORD...
- LEVIATHAN [לֵוִיָּאֶתָן] in OT - is described as a great fire breathing reptile - **Job 41:19**
- Called the SERPENT [נָחָשׁ] - the same name given in the Garden of Eden - **Genesis 3:1**
- And the [תַּנִּינִי] DRAGON [תַּנִּינִי] from the SEA!
- **Revelation 20:2** - "He laid hold of the dragon - that serpent of old - who is the Devil and Satan."
- When Jesus returns after the SEVEN years of Tribulation...
- He will be BOUND by Michael the Archangel for a THOUSAND years [Millennial Kingdom]
- But at the end he will released ONE final time [give the world a choice]
- At which point God will step in and bring the FINAL victory!
- **Revelation 20:10** - "The devil who deceived them - was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone."
- This is when satan FINALLY gets what he DESERVES...
- He is thrown into the LAKE of fire that was created just for him – **Matthew 25:41**
- And why we need to be very CAREFUL who we choose to FOLLOW...
- The WISDOM is to look and see where are they GOING – where do they END up...
- Because if we are following them – we will end up in the SAME place!

○ 2nd - Fruitful... vs. 2-9

- Vineyard... vs. 2-5
 - In that day sing to her: A vineyard of red wine.
 - I the LORD keep it. I water it every moment lest any hurt it. I keep it night and day.
 - Fury is not in Me. Who would set briers and thorns against Me in battle?
 - I would go through them. I would burn them together.
 - Or let him take hold of My strength that he may make peace with Me.
 - And he shall make peace with Me. Those who come He shall cause to take root in Jacob.
 - Israel shall blossom and bud and fill the face of the world with fruit!
 - In that day [בַּיּוֹם] - we must [imperative] sing [piel] about the beautiful VINEYARD...
 - The VINEYARD that [אֲנִי] the LORD will PROTECT - referring to Israel - **Isaiah 5:1**
 - A vineyard that had previously produced SOUR grapes [sinful nation]
 - But the LORD will [imperfect] water it and keep it SAFE both night and day...
 - Because there is NO [אֵין] more RAGE in the LORD [towards His vineyard]
 - But if He finds BRIERS of THORNS in that VINEYARD - He will [cohortative] BURN them...

- UNLESS [אִם] they make PEACE with the LORD - let them make PEACE [שָׁלוֹם] with HIM...
- Those who come He will make sure they take [hiphil] ROOT and BLOSSOM in Israel...
- Filling the WHOLE earth with their FRUIT!
- The description of the VINEYARD [Kingdom] is the nation of Israel...
- Everyone has the choice to come and be part of the VINEYARD [Israel]
- But we do NOT replace them - we join them - **Romans 11:17**
- Yet there are only TWO options when it comes to the VINEYARD of God...
- We either come to the LORD - take ROOT - and bear good FRUIT...
- Or we are a WEED that does NOT belong - and we will be purged by FIRE!
- **John 15:5** - "He who abides in Me - and I in him - bears much fruit."
- Corrected... vs. 6-9
 - Has He struck Israel as He struck those who struck him?
 - Or has He been slain according to the slaughter of those who were slain by Him?
 - In measure - by sending it away - You contended with it.
 - He removes it by His rough wind in the day of the east wind.
 - Therefore by this the iniquity of Jacob will be covered. This is all the fruit of taking away his sin:
 - When he makes all the stones of the altar like chalkstones that are beaten to dust.
 - Wooden images and incense altars shall not stand!
 - God did NOT judge Israel the way He did other nations...
 - Assyria - Babylon were JUDGED - and NEVER recovered...
 - Israel was PUNISHED for their rebellion - but they were PRESERVED...
 - That did NOT mean they got away with their SIN - it was just MEASURED [carefully]
 - They were SENT away [exile] - blow away by the EAST wind [Babylon]
 - YET - because of this the SINS of Jacob will be COVERED [כָּפַר]
 - This is the FRUIT of their CAPTIVITY - they destroyed their IDOLS...
 - Beat [pual] their altars into DUST - and their IDOLS [אֲשֵׁרָה] did not stand up again!
 - **Hebrews 12:10** - "For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them - but [God] for our profit that we may be partakers of His holiness!"
 - If we were willing to be CORRECTED by earthly FATHERS...
 - Who punished us as seemed BEST to them [their opinion]
 - How much more should we be willing to SUBMIT to a perfect heavenly FATHER...
 - Who CHASTENS us for our PROFIT - so we might join Him in HOLINESS!
 - We should SUBMIT to the PUNISHMENT that comes from God...
 - EVERYTHING He does is for our benefit - EVERYTHING He does is out of LOVE...
 - His punishment produces good FRUIT [peace and righteousness]
 - As we are TRAINED [passive] by the PUNISHMENT we receive from Him...
 - His PUNISHMENT has a PURPOSE - it is how we GROW in the Lord!
- 3rd - Fire... vs. 10-13
 - No grace... vs. 10-11
 - Yet the fortified city will be desolate - the habitation forsaken and left like a wilderness.
 - There the calf will feed - and there it will lie down and consume its branches.
 - When its boughs are withered they will be broken off.
 - The women come and set them on fire for it is a people of no understanding.
 - Therefore He who made them will not have mercy on them.
 - And He who formed them will show them no favor!
 - Yet [כִּי] the walled CITY of men [עִיר] will be left ALONE [בֶּדָד]

- ABANDONED and left like [נֶ] a WILDERNESS [מִדְבָּר]
 - The calves [skittish] will come and lie down [secure] and eat there [no people left]
 - They will be like a BRANCH that withered - broken off - and BURNED - **John 15:6**
 - Because [כִּי] - the people there did NOT understand the LORD [spiritually blind]
 - Therefore [כֵּן] - the one who MADE them will NOT [לֹא] have MERCY [piel]
 - The LORD will NOT [לֹא] have GRACE [חֶסֶד] upon them!
- Worship... vs. 12-13
- And it shall come to pass in that day that the LORD will thresh.
 - From the channel of the River to the Brook of Egypt and you will be gathered one by one.
 - O you children of Israel. So it shall be in that day: The great trumpet will be blown.
 - They will come who are about to perish in the land of Assyria.
 - [The] outcasts in the land of Egypt and worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem!
 - In that day [בַּיּוֹם] - when God BEATS [threshes] the WICKED...
 - From the Euphrates River [Babylon] to the Nile River [Brook of Egypt]
 - That He will gather the children of Israel ONE by ONE...
 - In that day [בַּיּוֹם] - the great TRUMPET [שׁוֹפָר] will be blown - **I Thessalonians 4:16**
 - And those who were LOST [אָבֵד] in Assyria - and those EXILED in Egypt...
 - Will come and BOW down in the HOLY [הַקֹּדֶשׁ] mountain of Jerusalem!
 - Only the High priest could enter the HOLY of HOLIES [הַקֹּדֶשׁ]
 - He would enter with the bells on his priestly robe – if they stopped he was dead...
 - Tradition tells us he would have a rope around his foot [to drag him out]
 - The reason was to show the SEPARATION between God and man - **Hebrews 9:7-8**
 - A SEPARATION that is taken away through the cross of Christ...
 - The VEIL that separated the Holiest of All was TORN in TWO - **Mark 15:38**
 - The contrast is intentional - there are TWO options - FRUIT or FIRE...
 - Either we choose to be corrected - planted - and fruitful in the VINEYARD of God...
 - Coming into the HOLIEST of all - into the inner CHAMBER of God - **Hebrews 4:16**
 - Or we will share the FATE of LEVIATHAN - we will be cast down and BURNED!